

BATTALION EDITORIALS

Election Day Brings Trouble

Thursday is election day again, and if the Student Senate candidates conduct campaigns in any way like the ones held for the general election, bring your lunch to the MSC and enjoy the excitement.

Unfortunately, both for the school and for the student body, the last election was one of the most bitterly fought in A&M's history, and this one promises to match it. In some cases, officers were elected on a Civilian or Corps basis only, with little regard to the student's qualifications.

It might seem a bit facetious, but isn't the progress of the school and the betterment of the student body the aim of both factions? Apparently not.

Believing that running too many candidates for each office split their block vote in the last election, the Corps has already conducted several "primaries" to pick the best man to run and to insure him total support. The Civilians, fearful of the same situation, have started circulating cards promoting "approved" candidates. Who they are approved by is not stated.

The situation is not to be condemned as a whole. Until recently, very few students took an interest in student body elections, and could care less about who was representing them in the Student Senate.

Undeniably though, blind, prejudicial voting is unwarranted. It would be unfortunate if 8,000 rubber stamps went over to the MSC to vote a certain candidate just because he was "approved."

Dead Week Dying Fast

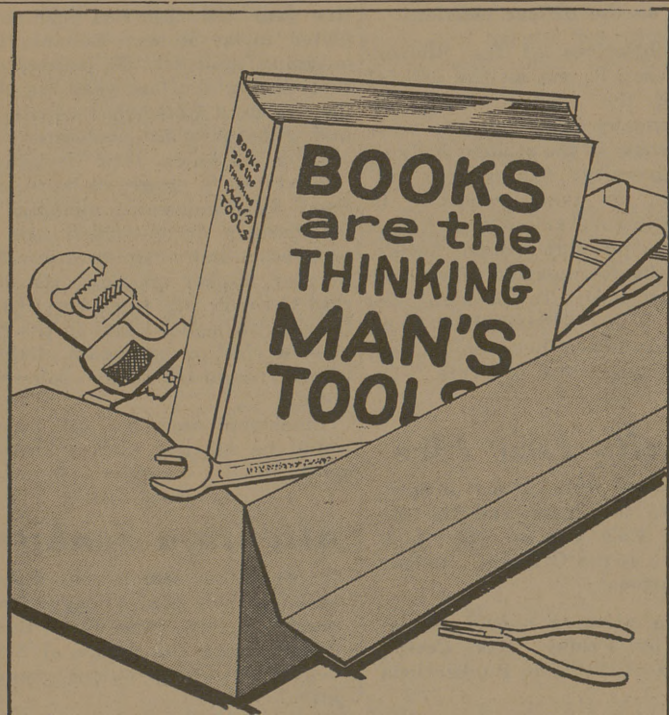
Next week a mysterious, confusing tradition will occur on the A&M campus which will probably leave more bitter feelings between faculty and students than all the pop quizzes of the semester could possibly achieve. This is, of course, that Old Army custom of yesteryore—"dead week."

Like most all other traditions, this one has never, and probably will never, become a regulation. In its own ethnic style, dead week "is, because it is, because it is." But what is it?

Essentially this interesting phenomena consists of a contemporary "7 Days in May" which precede final examinations and are supposed to be reserved for final studying exclusively. In other words, professors are supposed to abide by the unwritten rules and not assign major quizzes. Unfortunately this is not the case.

Regardless of its illegal validity, dead week is a good idea. To be enforced it need not become a written statute, but only a gentleman's agreement between student and professor that plans for that one last major quiz be worked out well in advance. This will also mean some concessions by the student. Instead of many quizzes on dead week, he might have to cope with many the week before.

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CADET SLOUCH

by Jim Earle



"I'm sure coach Chandler and th' team appreciate your support, but on th' other hand they wouldn't want you to flunk out because we won th' championship! Let's go back to class!"

Batt Represented In Latin America

The Battalion will have a foreign correspondent this summer when J. Donald Deliz tours Latin American and the West Indies in preparation for his doctoral studies.

The Department of Modern Languages professor will relate his adventures through a column in the Summer Battalion. Featured will be insights into local traditions and customs, and travel hints for Aggies planning to take a limited-budget tour of the South American countries.

Purpose of the tour, Deliz explained, was to better his understanding of modern Spanish to aid in the translation of complex scientific data.

Each country has its own different shades of Spanish which are constantly changing," Deliz commented. "We get a lot of specialized translation to do here, and we soon discovered how different it was from everyday Spanish."

This will be the second series of articles for The Battalion written by Deliz. The professor related his travels and studies in France two summers ago in his column entitled "Howdy From Paris, France." He presently plans to depart after the first session of summer school, and travel for about six weeks.

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COMPROMISE NEAR?

Civil Rights Bill Stalled; GOP Leaders Optimistic

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Democratic leaders on Tuesday told President Johnson that progress on the civil rights bill is nil. Then they went before the Senate to plead with Southern foes of the measure to permit some votes.

The Senate Republican leader, Everett M. Dirksen of Illinois, painted a more optimistic picture. After the weekly luncheon of GOP senators he told newsmen he believes a compromise bill could be passed in about five more weeks.

Dirksen said full accord was reached on the 70-amendment package he offered to the Senate leadership and Atty. Gen. Robert F. Kennedy last week. He said that after "a final look-see" Wednesday he will put the package before a conference of Republican senators.

Earlier in the day, Southern forces met in caucus and agreed not to permit any voting until they feel they have enough to support to write in their version of a jury trial amendment.

All this came amid emotional speeches on the floor with some senators taking their colleagues to task for letting the debate drag into its 53rd day.

There were demands from several for an attempt to invoke cloture to shut off further talk, at least on the jury trial issue. Some wanted cloture on the entire bill.

Majority Leader Mike Mansfield of Montana said he hasn't tried this because "in all hon-

esty we did not have the votes." It takes a two-thirds majority of senators voting a limit debate.

After meeting at the White House with Johnson, Mansfield told newsmen he would keep the Senate in session all year if necessary, with recesses for the national political conventions, to get Johnson's program passed.

Dirksen would not say he is certain enough GOP senators would accept his package. He said it probably would require 25 votes from his side to attain the 67 needed for cloture, if all 100 senators voted.

Asked if the package would produce cloture, Dirksen reminded the newsmen he has been

saying all along that a time could come for action and he declared: "I get the feeling that that time is just about now."

Bulletin Board

WEDNESDAY

The Aggie Wives Bridge Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center. They will play bridge and then elect officers.

THURSDAY

The Laredo Hometown Club will meet in Room 3-C of the MSC at 7:30 p.m.

The Amarillo Hometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Anderson Room of the YMCA Building. Officers will be elected.

The Lavaca County Hometown Club will meet at 8 p.m. in Room 204 of the Academic Building.

The Bellaire Hometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Room 206 of the Academic Building.

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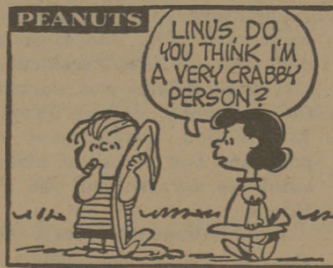
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